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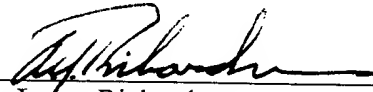
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EP 0 700 770 A2 is in the German language, an English language translation is provided for the convenience of the Examiner. Since all of the listed prior art documents are in the English language, or translations are provided, no explanation of their relevance to the claimed invention is believed necessary.

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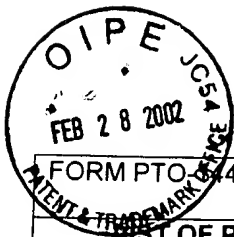
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